

In the Drawings:

1.0 Pursuant to the Examiner's objections under 37CFR1.83(a), and without prejudice to the Applicant's submissions below that the existing drawings are sufficient to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims, the Applicant has proposed:

- (a) Additional Figures 4d, 10a and 10b being cross-sectional views along lines DD in Figure 1 and EE and FF of Figure 8b respectively;
- (b) Consequential on 1.0 (a) above, amended Figures 1 and 8b;
- (c) Figures 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d being cross sections taken along lines BB of Figure 1 during four different stages of pressure.

New drawing sheets 4d, 10a, 10b, and 11a-11d have been attached. A replacement drawing for Figures 1 and 8b are further attached and replace the original drawing sheets for Figures 1 and 8b. Figures 1 and 8b have been amended to reflect additional cross-sectional views pertaining to the newly added drawing sheets which have been added for clarification purposes only and contain no new matter.

In the Description:

2.0 Subject to the introduction of additional Figures 4d, 10 and 11, please amend the specification as follows:

2.1 On Page 11, please delete lines 16-19 in their entirety and replace with the following amended paragraph:

"Figures 4a-[c]d: show schematic representations of the cross-section of the container of Figure 1 along lines A-[C]D respectively when the panel sections are not inverted.

2.2 Page 12, after line 18, please insert the following additional paragraphs:

Figures 10d and 10b: show cross sectional views along lines EE and FF in Figure 8b.

Figures 11a-11d: show cross sections along lines BB of Figure 1 during four different stages of pressure with the flexure region lessening in outward curvature during progressive pressure variations.

2.3 On Page 16, please delete lines 15 to 19 in their entirety and replace with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 4a-[c]d show cross-sectional representations of the container 1 shown in Figure 1 along lines AA, BB, CC and [CC]DD respectively with the projecting portions 5 and 8 in the non-inverted position. In this preferred

embodiment, the projecting portion 5 progressively projects further outward away from the initiator portion 8.

2.4 On Page 16, please insert after line 28, the following additional paragraph:

Figures 11a to 11d show the projection 5 of Figure 4b as it lessens in outward curvature to an inverted position as shown in Figures 5b and 11d.

2.5 Page 17, please delete lines 20 to 31 in its entirety and replace with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 8a shows an elevation of a further alternative embodiment of a vacuum panel referred generally by arrow 300'. The vacuum panel 300' includes two projecting portions 500' and 500" located vertically adjacent to each other with respective initiator portions 800 and 800¹ including a central flattened portion between them. However, unlike vacuum panel 300, the ~~normal~~ normal position of one of the projecting portions 500¹¹ and initiator portion 800¹ is concave rather than convex (see Figures 8b [and], 10a and 10b). Upon application of hydraulic pressure, the concave projecting portion 500" is inverted in the direction shown by arrow 6a (see Figure 8c), reducing pressure on land areas (4) between adjacent panels 300'. Once the fluid cools, vacuum pressure causes both projecting portions 500' and 500" to invert in the direction of arrow 6B. (See Figure 8d).